

DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL.

VOLUME XLVI.

NEW YORK, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1917.

NUMBER 2

Published every week.
\$1.00 a year in advance

Entered at the Post Office New York, N. Y.
as second class matter.

HARTFORD.

"Hartford! Hartford! On to Hartford!" is the familiar cry which comes from every quarter. There can be no mistake about its meaning. It comes in clear accents from the north, the south, the east and west. It is even echoed from across our northern border in frozen Canada and from over the great Atlantic in war-stricken Europe. The mighty cannonading on the Somme fails to drown it, for Henri Galliard, the foremost deaf man in France, and other noted deaf men in Europe, have signified their intention of coming to Hartford to participate in the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Hartford School for the Deaf on July 4th, and to give weight and dignity to the meetings of the National Association from July 3d to the 7th.

Thousands of the deaf from every city, town and hamlet of our country, and Canada will be in Hartford on this occasion to help carry forward the great movement and to share in the festivities and merriment. What a great crowd we may expect! It will simply be a great heaving, surging sea of expectant, radiant, happy faces. The very moment the crowd strikes Hartford, the reading on the thermometer will drop to a moderate point, as a result of the rapid motion of so many hands, expressing the very great joy of their occupants at meeting one another after so many years of separation. Those flying hands will serve as electric fans to moderate the usually hot July air. There need not, therefore, be any fear that the weather will be uncomfortable, nor any excuses be made for remaining at home on account of the heat.

The old saying that history repeats itself, may prove true next Summer, for, if a goodly number of the deaf of Europe are present, the Convention of the National Association at Hartford will become an International Congress of the Deaf. In July, 1889, just twenty-eight years ago next summer, there assembled at Paris, France, a Congress of this name. Its numbers were some of the brightest and best educated deaf in the world. They came from nearly every part of Europe, Canada and the United States, to discuss questions of special interest to themselves and to society at large. The American delegates, twenty-two in number, took a leading part in all the transactions of the Congress. Mr. Wm. L. Hill and Mr. Edwin W. Frisbee were the two New England delegates. In a body the Congress visited Versailles and crowned the statue of the Abbe de l'Epee with flowers. Mr. Hill in behalf of the American delegates delivered a very able and polished address on the occasion.

Now, if the deaf of America, joined by their deaf brethren from across the Atlantic, should follow this precedent by crowning the monuments of Gallaudet and Clerc some day during the N. A. D. Convention, it would be a most interesting and appropriate act, showing in a realistic way the great debt of gratitude which the deaf of America owe to their benefactors, Gallaudet and Clerc. Their graves should also be visited and due homage paid to them, not forgetting that of Alice Cogswell, who was one of the links in the great chain of events that led to the establishment of the Hartford School, and thus paved the way for the opening of other schools of the kind in the country. It was mainly through this sweet, innocent child of silence, that Gallaudet got his inspiration of becoming a teacher—nay more, a benefactor of the deaf. The story of this little deaf child is interesting one. Her grave, therefore, should receive marked attention next summer.

The Hartford School for the deaf will naturally be the center of interest during the Conventions.

A hundred years ago there were over two thousand deaf-mutes in the United States. Of this number there were four hundred in the New England States, and eighty-four in the little State of Connecticut, yet there was not a single school in all America for their education. What then was the mental condition of these unfortunate beings? It was simply deplorable. The greater part of them could neither speak, read, nor

write, and, therefore, had no means of expressing their wishes and wants, except by a few crude signs of their own make up. Their minds were in utter darkness. They did not know so much as the names of their parents, brothers and sisters, nor of the myriads of interesting objects and living creatures around them.

They did not even know of the existence of a Creator, nor of the difference between right and wrong, and could not, therefore, be held responsible for any crime which they might have committed. In the eye of the law they could not vote, own property, testify in court, make a will, or even to marry. They were like idiots, heathen and lunatics. In those days, parents having deaf children were ashamed of them and kept them in confinement. Such was the mental condition of the deaf in America when, in April, 1817, just a hundred years ago next Spring, the Hartford School was formally opened for their education. The building was one hired for the purpose and stood on Prospect Street, now a business section of the city. When the school was opened there were but seven pupils, but before the school year closed the number had increased to forty-one. The building was not large enough for boarding the pupils and teachers, so they all walked across lots and got their meals at the City Hotel. The price for board was two dollars and fifty cents a week for each person.

Four years after, on May 20, 1821 the School was moved into the new building which had been erected on Lord's Hill, now generally known as Asylum Hill. As the number of pupils kept on increasing year by year, the building soon became inadequate to house them all, so additions were made from time to time. At first the school took the name of the Connecticut Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb. But as pupils soon came to it from other States than Connecticut, it assumed the name of the American Asylum. The word "Asylum" had always been distasteful to the deaf and they fought against it repeatedly. About twenty-five years ago it was dropped and the word School substituted. The School is known to day as the American School at Hartford for the Deaf, but we love to call her "Old Hartford."

Everybody, therefore, will want to see this old School next Summer, the mother of the 132 Schools of the kind now in existence in our country. Next Summer is her 100th anniversary and her children, grand-children and great-grandchildren propose to give her a grand glorious celebration. She has nothing to boast of in the way of architectural beauty, but she is rich in historical associations. She bears the marks of age and of the continual wear and tear of three thousand and more of pairs of feet, that have trodden back and forth through her halls, at different periods of time, all these many years of her existence, yet in spite of all this she is still firm and substantial, performing in a modest, yet methodical way, her old task of educating deaf children. The New York, Philadelphia and other Schools of the kind, which followed in her wake, have long ago found new quarters and new buildings have been reared, but "Old Hartford" still stands on the same ground and in much the same condition that she stood when she was first reared—a veritable monument to her founders. I repeat to see this old school with your own eyes, and to tread on the same soil once trodden on by Gallaudet and Clerc, and other noted educators of the deaf, will hold you spellbound, and create in you a feeling of reverence and veneration which no reading of such things can ever impart.

A few years ago Mr. Jay Cooke Howard, the distinguished president of the National Association, visited "Old Hartford," and when he arrived home sat down and wrote these lines:—

"This spring it was my good fortune to be shown about the city of Hartford by Dr. Edward Miner Gallaudet, the great and good son of the great and good father. I was shown the home of the Gallaudet family, the church where they worshipped, the pew they occupied, and many places made of interest by Gallaudet's association with them. You may well believe that these places were doubly interesting to me,

who because of my long acquaintance with and deep love and respect for the son, was beholding with him the scenes of his boyhood days.

"I was invited to speak from the platform of the Hartford School chapel, on which have stood not only Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, and Clerc and Edward Miner Gallaudet, but many of the other educators of the deaf, the pioneers, who got the cunning of their craft and their inspiration from their masters. I have spoken from the platforms of many schools for the deaf, but never have I experienced the sensation I did while speaking from this. Many of the new schools have very beautiful assembly halls, that one must admire for their convenient arrangements and for their tasteful and artistic decorations, but none of them have the tradition and the glory of those old boards that are still doing duty at Hartford as they did in the days of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet."

If President Howard can find so much of interest in "Old Hartford," and in the city of Hartford itself, I feel sure the deaf of the west and South will be equally interested, if not more so, when they come here to attend the conventions next summer.

J. E. CRANE.

HARTFORD, CT., Jan. 3, 1917.

St. Louis Briefs.

Miss A. M. Roper spent the Christmas vacation at Omaha, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Comp.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spiegel went to Princeton, Ind., for a visit with Mrs. Spiegel's parents.

Mr. W. M. Strong, a Gallaudet College graduate, who is farming in South East Missouri, was in the city recently on a shopping tour, and improved the opportunity to call on some of his friends while here. Mr. and Mrs. Leon J. Laignor plan to make Akron, O., their permanent place of residence. Mr. Laignor obtained work there some time ago, hence the reason for their leaving St. Louis.

The holiday season was ushered in at Gallaudet School with a fitting program, arranged by Miss Herdman, and a distribution of candy, nuts and fruit, provided by the School Patrons' Association. The vacation extended from December 22d to January 2d.

Armiu George, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Turczek; and John Carl, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Broekmeyer; were baptized recently, at St. Thomas Mission, by the Rev. Dr. Cloud.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Arnot gave a reception at their residence, on the evening of December 28th, in honor of Mr. Arnot's parents, who came from Indiana to make them a visit.

The Rev. F. F. Johnson, D. D., co-adjutor Bishop of Missouri, will make his annual visitation for confirmation at St. Thomas Mission on the afternoon of Palm Sunday, April 1st.

The usual first Friday monthly social of Saint Thomas Mission was held on the evening of January the 5th, at 1210 Locust Street.

"The St. Louis Division of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf" will also meet there on the evening of the second Friday of the month, beginning January the 26th.

The annual Masquerade Ball, held under the auspices of the "Saint Louis" division of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, will be held at "Knights of Father Matthew Temperance Hall," on the evening of February 17th, between Cook Avenue and Sarah Street. Prizes will only be awarded for the best comical costumes.

St. Thomas Mission for the Deaf
Christ Church Cathedral, Thirteenth and Locust Streets, St. Louis, Mo.

The Rev. James H. Cloud, M.A., D.D., Priest-in-Charge.
Mr. A. O. Steidemann, Lay Reader.
Miss Clara L. Steidemann, Sunday School Teacher and Social Helper.
Sunday School at 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Services at 10:45 A.M.
Weekday social and literary meetings on first and third Fridays, at 8 P.M.
Other services and meetings by special appointment.
The deaf cordially invited.
Minister's address: 3936 Virginia Avenue.

ONTARIO CANADA.

TORONTO.

1917 was quietly ushered in, and we trust it will be prosperous for all.

Mr. J. A. Green, of Chesley, the only deaf brother of Mrs. A. B. McCaul, was down to visit his sister here for the holidays.

We are pleased to say that the two little children of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Law, are progressing favorably towards recovery, after being very ill, the oldest of whom had a serious attack of bronchitis that caused some anxiety for a while.

The boys who work in the Post Office had a very strenuous time during Christmas week, handling the hundreds of tons of Christmas presents that went to make up the Yuletide cheer for the masses, and worked like Trojans for overtime, but now it is all over and they heave a sigh of relief.

Mr. Lewis Ireland was up to his parental home in Bracebridge for the Christmas holidays and reports a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jaffray and daughter were in Stratford for Christmas, guests of the former's sister, who resides in the "Classic City."

Miss Pearl Whitworth left on December 23d to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents in Cobourg, where she had a pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMaster and two children, of Wiarton, were down here for the holidays, the guests of the latter's brother, Mr. William Gray and family.

Messrs. Alex. and John Buchan gave a little party on December 27th, in honor of their sister, Miss Drusilla Buchan, and from reports to hand, it was a most pleasing affair, and those who were there really had a lovely time.

Mrs. Wm. Waddington, only sister of the late Mr. William Lightfoot, and who is very well known to many of the deaf, has been very ill lately, that caused her many friends grave concern, but we are pleased to say that she is now slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Roberts, were out to the former's parental home in Jarvis for the New Year holidays.

Mr. Fred J. Willward, went to Hamilton on December 23d, to spend the Christmas holidays with his sister and father.

Many of our friends received Christmas cards from Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Wilson, now in Philadelphia, and would have returned them the same good wishes if their address was known.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mason received a surprise on December 28th, when a number of their friends dropped in unexpectedly to congratulate them on the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage, and they received many lovely presents. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

GENERAL.

Mr. R. C. Slater, of King, was in Galt a little while, attending the funeral of his oldest brother, who died from the results of an operation, in the seventieth year of his age. We extend to Mr. Slater and other relatives our deepest sympathy.

We understand Mr. J. E. Crough, of Peterboro, was in Belleville for the Christmas holidays, where he had a very good time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Waggoner, of Hamilton, went down to the latter's old home in Belleville for Christmas.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. J. Rutherford, of Ecorse, Mich., a short time ago. She was very popular among her deaf friends, who deeply lament her demise. She leaves two small children.

Mr. and Mrs. Casimir Sadofsky and children, of Detroit, spent the New Year Holidays with relatives in Pontiac, Michigan, and report a fine time.

Over two hundred of the Deaf attended the Christmas entertainment given by the Ladies Guild of St. John's Parish Church, on December 16th. Their pastor, Rev. Mr. Allabough, was surprised to receive a fine gold piece. The affair was a great success.

TORONTO.

Mr. William Henry Scott, of Shelburne, came to the city on December 30th for the New Year holidays, and is now looking for work here, with a view of becoming a resident of our city.

An old lady of eighty-eight years, and totally deaf, was struck and killed by a Canadian Northern Railway train, at Beaverston, a short time ago. Her name was Mrs. James Kelly, but none of us can remember her either by name or person.

Miss Drusilla Buchan was down to see her sisters, at the Belleville School for the Deaf, during the Christmas holidays, and reports a pleasant time.

Mr. Robert H. Randall, of Paris, was a visitor with Mr. R. S. Edwards over the New Year holidays. The firm for which he works were stocktaking in the meantime, hence Bobbie's sojourn here.

Mr. Francis A. West, who has been working in British Columbia for many years before coming to Aurora, Ont., last fall, was down in our midst renewing old acquaintances over the New Year holidays.

Mr. E. J. Croker hid himself away to Buffalo for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Pearl Herman went down to her parental home at Sterling for a couple of weeks during the recent holidays, and in the meantime took a trip to her *Alma Mater*, at Belleville, where she spent Christmas.

Messrs. George D. and John C. McLaren, of Smiths Hills, who have been working at Lipton, Sask., for several months past, arrived here on December 30th for a visit. They look as if the west agreed with them.

Mr. Frank A. Lawson was in St. Catharines visiting friends during the Christmas holidays, and afterwards went to visit other friends in Lindsay for New Year. Frank is some sport, eh!

Miss Lily Brown enjoyed her New Year holidays with friends out near Hamilton.

Mrs. R. R. Riddell and Miss Mabel Wheeler were in Buffalo, N. Y., over the New Year holidays, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Senel Crawford.

Mr. Charles J. Petriford took a trip up to Kitchener for the New Year holidays, and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Golds and family, and while there, incidentally attended the twentieth wedding anniversary of his host and hostess, and says he had a capital time.

Mr. James Ross went up to see his mother and other relatives, in Bracebridge, for the Christmas holidays, and had a pleasant visit.

In my last batch of items it was stated that the party for Miss Drusilla Buchan was given by her brothers. This was an error, for it was gotten up by her mother, and about fifteen were present, and Drusilla never had a happier time.

Miss Florence Ketcheson, of Trenton, left for her home, on January 8th, after a month's sojourn with relatives in Embro, a week with friends in Woodstock, and a week with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Reeves and other friends here. She is almost well again after her recent auto accident.

There were quite a good many of the deaf of this city at Mr. F. Bridgen's residence, 103 Rose Avenue, on the evening of December 31st, to bid farewell to the dying moments of the old year, and to welcome the dawn of 1917. It has always been Mr. Bridgen's custom to celebrate such occasions for years past, with benedictions for the passing out and rejoicing for the new born.

Little Lucille Catherine Pettiford received a very lovely present, in the form of a gold brooch, from Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moynihan, and she is indeed very proud of it.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Slater, of King, were down visiting relatives and friends here during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Annie Brown and Mr. George Elliott, of Toronto, were in this city, during the New Year holidays, the guests of the former's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Nahrgang.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sours and daughter, Gladys, of Clinton, came down to spend the New Year holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Newton Black.

Mr. Wilbur Elliott went to London for the New Year holidays, and reports a pleasant time.

A goodly number of our young friends went out by trolley car to Preston to attend the New Year's Day party, given by Miss Ida Cherry and her parents, and report having had a most delightful time, returning after midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hagen went down to the latter's parental home near Stirling, where they spent two weeks, visiting relatives during the recent holidays.

The deaf of this city assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Nahrgang, on Sunday afternoon, December 31st, where each in turn gave a short talk on various phases of the Great Word. In the evening they gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Black, where each spoke on some Biblical story. Here they remained until midnight, when they ushered in the New Year with hearty handshaking and promised resolutions, and afterwards enjoying a hearty repast of sandwiches, cake and coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Golds celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage on December 30th, and to mark the occasion, the deaf of this city, assisted by friends from Toronto and Clinton, gave an oyster supper in their honor, and about fifteen were there to do honor to the bride and groom of twenty years ago; and while the jolly crowd were partaking of the delicious goodies many pleasant references were made enlivening the happy couple. After supper, all the guests, both old and young, went out to the rink where they enjoyed a couple of hours skating, and it was a pleasure to notice how graceful they would speed around with all the vim and alacrity of their younger days. Skating now over, they again repaired to the Golds residence, where the rest of the evening was spent in fun and frolic. All present declared they had one of the happiest times of the season.

GENERAL.

Mr. Stewart Robertson, of Stratford, was down visiting friends at his *Alma Mater* at Belleville over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Moynihan of Detroit, formerly of Waterloo, Ont., recently had a pleasant visit from the latter's father of Brantford.

Miss Cecilia Pajpfer, of Hamilton, has returned home after spending Christmas week with relatives and friends in Woodstock and Ingersoll.

Mr. Clarence Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Ryan of Woodstock, who is a member of the Y. M. C. A. basketball team of that city, accompanied his team to Paris New Year's Day to play against the Parisians, and Woodstock won.

Miss Florence Brown of Woodstock went to her old home in Petrolia, for a holiday, while the company for which she works was idle during the Yuletide.

A party of friends from Toronto, Brantford and London, drove out from Brantford on Christmas Day, and spent a very pleasant time with Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKenzie in New Durham.

Mr. Robert McPherson of Hamilton enjoyed the New Year holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Ryan in Woodstock.

Mr. Thomas Chantler, of Woodstock, was in Brantford during the recent holidays.

We understand that Mr. W. H. Gould, Jr., of London went up to visit relatives and friends in Detroit during the recent holidays.

We have at last heard from our old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Wood, formerly of Hamilton. They are now living in Santa Barbara, California and like it far better up there. The land of beauty, sunshine and song.

FRESH FUN—During the writer's graduating term at the Belleville College, a very amusing joke was perpetrated upon one of the lady attendants of the kitchen. It was the habit for this lady, who was a sweet looking young maiden of hardly twenty summers, to go to the end of the laze, where she would meet her male lover after the evening work was over. She would bring him up and sit down on the boys' benches immediately beneath the windows of the older boys' dormitory. Noticing this to be a common occurrence, one of the boys thought he would put a little "salt" on their sugary spooning and he did so in a most ingenious way that won the applauds of the other boys, although it was not a polite compliment to their love making. Being in their customary seat one lovely moonlight evening after all the boys had departed for bedland, this enterprising and mischief loving youth quietly pried up the window immediately above their heads, and fetching a pail of cold water sent it flowing down upon the unsuspecting candidates of Cupid's arrow. Oh heavens! they made for shelter faster than they would ordinarily do so, but whether they said much or not we never heard. Onlookers said the flow would compare favorably with the world-renowned Falls of Niagara as long as it lasted, and the two victims certainly got a drenching. However, they never patronized that neighborhood again, nor did they find out the name of the chap who did trick, despite their diligent enquiring. They have since got married, and are now living in Belleville.

I. O. U.

NEW JERSEY.

Mr. Adolph Frederick Smith, father of Mr. William E. Smith, of Highlands, N. J., died on December 18th, of general debility on account of advanced age, being 92 years, 2 months and 3 days old. His funeral was held on December 21st. The interment was in New York Bay Cemetery after burial services had been held in the English-German Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Horatio Coppeck (a brother of Mrs. W. E. Smith), Christian E. Vernon, Alfred Markar and Frederick Smith (a grandson of the deceased).

The house on Armstrong Street was deeded to Mr. W. E. Smith a few weeks before his father died, thereby avoiding the long delays incident to probate of wills.

Mr. William E. Smith is well-known to the deaf of Fanwood of about twenty-five years ago. He married Miss Coppeck, and his home in Highlands always has a deaf gathering in the summer months. His two daughters use the sign-language, "like one to the manner-born."

Among the gathering at the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Wentz, Misses Annie C. Kugeler and Christian E. Vernon, Mrs. Gorth, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Woodruff, Mr. William Brown, Mrs. Bessie Mitchell, Mr. H. Coppeck and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Horan and two sons, Edmund and Leo, Miss Dora Smith and Mr. Andrew Smith, step-children of Mr. A. F. Smith, and Miss Eva Smith.

After the funeral, Miss A. C. Kugeler and Mr. Christian E. Vernon went to see Mr. and Mrs. Wentz (nee Landt), Mrs. W. E. Smith leading the way. Mr. Wentz was found tinkering with some electrical contrivance which he said he was experimenting with a view to surprise somebody. He is a German, and maybe he will offer it at the German Embassy if it turns out a success.

Miss B. Wentz, the only daughter, is twelve years old, a bright and happy, smiling girl, and towers about one foot over her mother (nee Landt of Fanwood). She will grow tall like her father, who always has to watch the ceiling lest he bump his head through it.

Mr. William Brown was introduced as one who could talk like a deaf-mute. Asked if he could do so, he just went ahead. Taking off his coat, gloves and rubbers, fastened up the buttons of his coat, patted the breast of his coat to iron out the creases, pushed up his sleeves a bit, and took a firm stand like one going to deliver a lecture, and proceeded with his life history. He said, Yes. Mr. Reilly is a good friend of mine. I work as night watchman at the Colgate Smell factory, where they make the smells and soap, that he knows the other Smith, who works there, also other deaf-mute packers in Colgate, and that Rev. Searing was his friend and used to teach him to use his hands "like a deaf and dumb," and that he rents the floor upstairs from Mr. W. E. Smith. Also that because of a break in his voice he had to give up a college course.

Deaf-Mutes' Journal.

NEW YORK, JANUARY 11, 1917.

EDWIN A. HODGSON, Editor.

THE DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL (published by the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, at W. 163d Street and Ft. Washington Avenue) is issued every Thursday; it is the best paper for deaf-mutes published; it contains the latest news and correspondence; the best writers contribute to it.

TERMS.

One Copy, one year \$1.00
To Canada and Foreign Countries, 1.50

CONTRIBUTIONS.

All contributions must be accompanied with the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. Correspondents are alone responsible for views and opinions expressed in their communications. Contributions, subscriptions and Business Letters to be sent to the

DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL,
Station M, New York.

"He's true to God who's true to man:
Wherever wrong is done
To the humblest and the weakest
To the all-butting sun,
That wrong is also done to us,
And they are slaves most base,
Whose love of right is for themselves.
And not for all the race"

Specimen copies sent to any address on receipt of five cents.

Notices concerning the whereabouts of individuals will be charged for at the rate of ten cents a line.

OUR Nebraska correspondent, Mrs. Augusta Barrett, had the misfortune to fall on an icy sidewalk in Omaha, the afternoon of December 28th. She was assisted to the nearby home of deaf friends and later removed to Lord Lister Hospital, Omaha, where an x-ray picture of the fracture was taken, and it was found she had broken her leg. The bones were set, and with good medical care and nursing there are good prospects of a complete recovery from the accident.

THE SIGN LANGUAGE.

[Extract from the "Book of Woodcraft," Published by Doubleday, Page & Company.]

Do you know the Sign Language? If not, do you realize that the Sign Language is an established mode of communication in all parts of the world, without regard to native speech?

Do you know that it is so refined and complete that sermons and lectures are given in it every day, to those who cannot hear?

Do you know that it is as old as the hills and is largely used in public schools? And yet when I ask boys and girls this question, "Do you use the Sign Language?" they nearly always say "No."

Why should you talk the Sign Language? There are many reasons:—

In this code you can talk to any other Woodcrafter without an outsider knowing or understanding.

It makes conversation easy in places, when you must not speak aloud, as in school, during music, or by the bedside of the sick.

It is a means of far-signaling much quicker than semaphore or other spelling codes, for this gives one or more words in one sign.

It will enable you to talk, when there is too much noise to be heard, as across the noisy streets.

It makes it possible to talk to a deaf person.

It is a wonderful developer of observation.

It is a simple means of talking to an Indian or a woodcrafter of another nationality whose language you do not understand. This indeed is its great merit.

It is universal.

It deals not with words, but with ideas that are common to mankind. It is therefore a kind of Esperanto easily established.

So much for its advantages; what are its weaknesses?

Let us frankly face them:—

It is useless in the dark.

It will not serve on the telephone. It can scarcely be written.

In its pure form it will not give new proper names.

To meet the last two we have expedients, as will be seen, but the first two are insurmountable difficulties.

Remember then, you are to learn the Sign Language because it is silent, far-reaching, and the one universal language.

Since it deals fundamentally with ideas, we avoid words and letters, but for proper names it is very necessary to know the one-hand manual alphabet.

JOHN D. PICKENS PASSES AWAY.

John D. Pickens, aged 71 years, one of the most prominent citizens of Harrison County, and a member of one of the oldest families in this section, died at his home near Quiet Dell, at 6 o'clock last evening, following an illness of a complication of diseases incident to old age.

Mr. Pickens' death was not unexpected, for he became seriously ill about three weeks ago, when he returned from a trip to Ohio, where he looked after the purchase of some stock cattle for his farm. The journey exhausted him, and he was taken to his bed soon afterwards. He died at the hour stated in the presence of the immediate family and other relatives.

Surviving relatives of the deceased man are his wife, sons, Carl D. Pickens, of this city, and James R. Pickens at home, daughter, Mrs. P. R. Cost, of Broad Oaks; sisters, Mrs. John W. Steward, of Clay Street, city, Mrs. E. D. Walker, of Philippi; Mrs. Howard Young, of Peel Tree, and Mrs. Oran Martin, of Buckhannon.

Mr. Pickens had resided on his farm in this county for nearly a quarter of a century. Although a deaf-mute, he arose to great prominence in the community, and despite his affliction was one of the most capable business men in the county. He did much to promote the live stock industry in the county, and his herds of Poled Angus cattle which he raised on his farm were the pride of the county. He was up-to-date in his methods of farming and live stock raising and did much to further the cause of agriculture in the State.

John Dever Pickens was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Pickens, of Barbour County. He was nearing his seventy-second year. He was born January 1, 1845. When 11 years of age entered a mute school at Staunton, Virginia, and later took up work at Washington Heights School in New York State. It was at this school that he met Miss Addie Cudiback, whom he married, and who survives him. Both graduated from the New York School.

Mr. Pickens was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Quiet Dell.—*Clarksburg (W. Va.) Exponent*, Dec. 14.

WHEELING.

Local officials of the Associated Charities have been warned to be on the lookout for a young man posing as a deaf-mute, who authorities of other cities allege, is an impostor. He is supposed to be headed toward Wheeling.—*Wheeling Intelligence*, Dec. 29.

Rev. Franklin C. Smielau, of Williamsport, Pa., on Monday evening, November 27th, lectured upon "Preparedness," in the basement of St. Matthew's Church. About thirty-five deaf-mutes attended it.

Mr. William R. Alexander was given (in honor of his thirty-three years of life) a brilliant surprise party, at his home on Wheeling Island, on December 16th. He now wears a scarf-pin, studded with imitation diamonds.

On Sunday morning, December 10th, Rev. H. C. Merrill administered Holy Communion at the church, after a service with sermon.

Messrs. David Toomey and Clarence Nesbitt came here from the Romney school for the holiday, but may remain till next Fall.

J. C. Bremer lectured about Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet to the N. F. S. D., Huntington Division No. 51, on December 10th, in Huntington, W. Va. He attended its social the evening before, with great pleasure.

Mr. Frederick W. Farke, President of St. Elizabeth's Guild, disappeared some time ago from this city. Wonder if he is in a peace mission of the European War.

Mr. and Mrs. Bremer spent all Christmas Day with Miss Emma Bartlett, in Mannington, W. Va., being entertained at her brother's hotel.

Mr. Marion G. Giffen, our old friend, is doing laundry work in his brother-in-law's sanitarium in Wheatland, Wyoming.

A Happy, Prosperous Year to you all.

CHURCH MISSION TO DEAF MUTES.

NEW YORK DISTRICT NOTICES

St. Ann's Church, N. Y. Every Sunday, 9 A.M. and 3 P.M. Holy Communion, January 21st, 9 A.M.

St. Mark's Church, Brooklyn. Every Sunday, 3 P.M. Holy Communion, January 28th.

January 14th—St. Peter's Church, Port Chester, 11 A.M. Gallaudet Home, 10:30 A.M., Holy Communion. St. George's Church, Newburgh, 3:30 P.M., Holy Communion.

January 21st—Trinity Church, Newark, N. J., 3 P.M. Holy Communion.

January 28th—St. Peter's Church, Port Chester, 11 A.M. Holy Communion.

January 28th—Gallaudet Home, 10:30 A.M.
January 28th—St. George's Church, Newburgh, 3:30 P.M.

Newark, N. J.

THE NEWARK MASK BALL

The Newark, Division, No. 42, of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, had a big attendance at its Mask and Fancy Dress Ball, on Saturday evening, January 6th.

It was held at the Krueger Auditorium in Newark, and was enjoyable and well managed in every respect.

The number of maskers and fancy dress participants would fill half a column, and there is no way to get the names and costumes.

However, at eleven o'clock they marched and counter-marched before a committee of judges—Messrs. Samuel Frankheim, Wilbur Bowers, Peter Kempf, John E. Shea, L. H. Baldwin (hearing), and Edwin A. Hodgson.

Prizes aggregating more than fifty dollars were awarded for costumes and ticket holders. The names of these were not available. The first prize for ladies went to Miss Violet Pearce, who, as Cleopatra, won a fine gold wrist-watch.

About fifteen prizes in all were awarded. Joe Lever and Frank O. Lee came all the way from Iliou, N. Y., to be present. From New Haven, Ct., we noted Michael Lapides and two or three others.

New York City had more than a hundred representatives.

The Krueger Auditorium is a clean and splendidly appointed building for such gatherings. It has a spacious dancing floor, a mezzanine floor that circles the dancing floor and which is fitted out with fine seating accommodations.

There is also a fine balcony on either side of the hall, and a big stage with dop curtains, scenery, etc.

The various other conveniences are on a like scale, generous and clean.

The greeting of old friends and the groups engaged in animated conversation was cheerful to observe, while the waxed floor was continuously filled with happy and graceful dancers.

The committees in charge were as follows:

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS—Albert Balmuth, Chairman; Edward C. Elsworth, Treasurer; Philip Hoenig, William Dietrich, John B. Ward, Harry L. Redman, William Atkinson, Charles Casella, Fred Bouton, Gustav Matzart.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE—Robert M. Robertson, Arthur L. Thomas, Henry A. Coe, Samuel Eber, George K. S. Gompers, Robert Bennett, George Rigg, Erwin Hermann, David Simmons, Andrew Poline, Joseph P. Denna, William Battersby, Alfred Baumbin, Morris C. McMickle, Reuben C. Stephenson, George S. Porter, Henry B. Schuermann, Edward Bradley, Frederick Herring, Louis Pughe, Bennie Abrams, Anthony Petoio, Alexander C. Knipe, Jr., Peter W. Pace, Edward A. Daubner, Frank J. Parella, Thomas T. Smith, Anthony L. Zaccemann, John Garland, Alfred E. Greiff, Frank Katter, George O. Bedford, Thomas Frank Penrose, Jr., Gottfried Kreptler, Walter Mosely Pease.

The present year officers of Newark Division, No. 42, are: President, Edward C. Elsworth; Vice-President, Philip Hoenig; Secretary, Charles Casella; Treasurer, Julius M. Aaron; Director, John M. Black; Sergeant-at-Arms, Benjamin Schorstein; State Organizer, John M. Black.

The De l'Epee Monument in St. Paul.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—The suggestion made editorially to place the De l'Epee monument on the grounds of the Charles Thompson Hall in St. Paul, is well worthy of consideration.

For the information of those interested, it may be said that the Hall is located in Merriam Park, one of the best residence suburbs in St. Paul, midway between St. Paul and Minneapolis. The principal electric car line between the two cities turns the corner where the building stands, and cars pass the front door every two minutes. Being the most prominent object for a long distance of the route, the building attracts the attention of thousands of people every day.

A monument placed on the corner would in the same way attract the attention of thousands, and in connection with the building would exert considerable educational influence on the public.

The deaf of Minnesota are among the most progressive and public spirited in the country, and could be depended on to see to it that the monument would not only be a means of showing honor and respect for the good Abbe, but also an instrument for the further uplift and advancement of the deaf.

By all means let the monument be erected in St. Paul on the site of the Charles Thompson Hall.

OLOF HANSON.

Ephphatha Mission for the Deaf.

St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral Parish House, 523 S. Olive St., Los Angeles.

Rev. Clarence E. Webb, Missionary-in-Charge.

Mrs. Thomas Menden, Lay-Reader.

Mrs. Alice M. Andrews, Parish Visitor.

SERVICES:

Evening Prayer and Sermon every Sunday, 8:00 P.M.

Holy Communion and Sermon last Sunday in each month, 11 A.M.

Social Center every Wednesday at 8 P.M.

ALL THE DEAF CORDIALLY INVITED.

GALLAUDET COLLEGE.

The present period is one of arrest at Gallaudet College. With the Holiday Season ushered into merited obscurity and with nothing more exciting in prospect for the next fortnight than defying the Reading-Room Committee, running the gauntlet of the Co-Eds' Waiting Room, and "grinding" for the Re-Exams, ye scribe may well be pardoned if he resorts to his imagination for providing readable news.

New Year's Eve was the occasion of a "watch party" held in the Chapel Hall, in which the Faculty and undergraduates gathered to behold the advent of 1917. The time, until midnight, was spent in conversation and in brief exercises fitting to the occasion. Of these latter, the rendering of "New Year" poems, Miss Kau, '19, and Mr. Gaire, P. C., and a quasi-humorous address by Professor Drake, were features. As midnight approached, the young men and women of the Senior Class hurried up the narrow winding stairs to the Chapel Belfry, and on the tick of the hour, rang out seventeen lusty peals on the old bell. Thus came the New Year to Kendall Green.

On New Year's morning the customary socials were held, President and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Hotchkiss and Prof. and Mrs. Allison received at their homes, assisted by the young ladies of their household. The Misses Peet, Jameson, and Troup, assisted by some of the Preparatory girls, received in Chapel Hall. Delightful refreshments were served at all these receptions, which fact enabled some of the late risers from College Hall to break their fast in a most satisfactory manner.

Dr. and Mrs. Fay have been in poor health for the past few weeks, and the doctor is at present unable to see his classes. Despite his seventy years and more, Dr. Fay is a man of great vitality and reserve power, and since his illness is not of a very serious nature—nothing more than a severe cold brought on by the inclement weather—there is every hope that will soon be able to resume his class-room work.

Before his illness, Dr. Fay had arranged for a party to be tendered at his home to the Senior and Junior classes. Though too ill to be present, the party was held in accordance with his arrangements. His daughter, Miss Helen Fay, acted as hostess. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present, the time being taken up by dancing and card-playing. The only thing lacking to make it a perfect evening was the presence of the Doctor.

In an interesting sermon delivered in Chapel Hall on Sunday, January 7th, Dr. Ely treated the abstract quality of Courage in a manner which was at once both forceful and impressive. Numerous examples drawn from the Scriptures and from present day life, served to bring out the points of the discourse and to make it of more practical use to the audience.

The various college clubs began their Second Term work with a rush. On Saturday morning, January 6th, the Literary Society, Athletic Association and Dramatic Club, disposed of the important business of electing new officials in just one hour and fifty-five minutes. Below is a tabulation of results:

GALLAUDET COLLEGE LITERARY SOCIETY.

President.....Mr. Schmidt, '17
Vice-President.....Mr. Townsend, '18
Secretary.....Mr. Heupel, '18
Treasurer.....Mr. Dohrman, '19

GALLAUDET COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

President.....Mr. McInturf, '17
Vice-President.....Mr. Heupel, '18
Secretary.....Mr. William, '18
Treasurer.....Mr. Peard, '19

SATURDAY NIGHT DRAMATIC CLUB.

President.....Mr. Schmidt, '17
Vice-President.....Mr. Ozier, '19
Secretary.....Mr. Pulver, '19
Treasurer.....Mr. Burns, '19

The official "goats" of the Reading Room for the Second Term are: Messrs. Schmidt, '17 (Chairman); Pulver, '17; Braddock, '18; Gibson, '18; Ozier, '19, and Smith, '19.

Mr. Nicholson, a member of the local Alumni Association, delivered a highly interesting, not to say dramatic, lecture before the Literary Society recently. Mr. Nicholson's treatment of his subject, "The French Revolution," was both vivid and interesting; albeit hair raising. In the course of his lecture he used the guillotine very effectively, lopping off the heads of his heroes and heroines in dreadful manner. As a means of reviving waning interest, our hats are off the guillotine.

A literary treat is in store for the undergraduates, and those of the nearby Alumni who can muster the gumption to face the weather and hike up to Kendall Green. On the evening of January 26th, by special request, Dr. Thomas Fox, '83, of New York, will deliver a reading before the Gallaudet College Literary Society. Dr. Fox's ability to use his head and hands to the best advantage is too well known to require comment here. It is expected that a record-breaking audience will turn out to see the

Doctor unlimber his verbal artillery.

BASKET BALL.

Gallaudet 19 St. John's College 21
Gallaudet has improved greatly in the past few weeks, but this improvement was not sufficient to bring victory to the Buff and Blue and St. John's College, in a game played at Annapolis, Md., last Saturday night.

The contest was fast and exciting throughout. Both teams put up a speedy and interesting article of ball. The Gallaudet representatives shone individually, while their opponents played more as a team. It was this teamwork which counted in the long run.

For St. John's, Jarman and Freaney scored most frequently. The bulk of Gallaudet's scoring was done by A. Wenger, Bouchard and Willman. The Buff and Blue played a good open game, in which the pretty dribbling of A. Wenger and Bouchard was much in evidence.

The game was reasonably clean, though a number of personal fouls was chalked up. These, however, were mostly for holding and charging.

Summary:

GALLAUDET St. John's College
R. Wenger L. F. Jarman
Bouchard R. F. Cook
Dohrman C. G. Freaney
A. Wenger C. G. Andrew
Willman R. G. Watson

INSTITUTIONS—Wilson for R. Wenger; Weaver for Cook, Harrison for Jarman; Lentz for Watson. Goals from floor—Bouchard, 3; A. Wenger, 2; Willman, 2; Jarman, 7. Referee—Lieutenant Milken, West Point. Umpire—Mr. Lutz, Baltimore Polytechnic. Time of halves—20 minutes each.

Chop Sueys 24 Chow Mains 22

While the Varsity was getting the worst of it in Annapolis, two scrub combinations composed of second string basket-ball players, football men, wrestlers, track men, baseball players, Alumni, and some who had never played anything more exciting than Kelly Pool came together in the College gym, and did their best to provide a little entertainment for the stay-at-homes. The rival combinations were dubbed the Chop Sueys and the Chow Mains, but certainly not because of their basket ball prowess, because they hadn't any. We therefore infer that the names were the outcome of the varied apparel worn by the players.

The contest was as humorous and as dig-bang a "basket ball" game as our amazed eyes ever beheld. It looked like a wrestling contest most of the distance, with a few foot-ball mass plays thrown in for the sake of variety. Most of the way it was nip and tuck, but the redoubtable "Ted" Hughes finally led his Chop Sueys to victory over the Stewart Clan of Chow Mains.

The appearance of the Co-Eds, who were not expected (though not unwelcome) was decidedly embarrassing to some of the valiant warriors, who were clad in clothes of 1912 vintage. Stewart, '99, who was wearing as a part of his uniform an ancient looking pair of overalls, was so flustered at having feminine eyes turned in his direction that he missed four straight goals.

"Bill" Pfunder, '05, who is fat and forty, furnished the heavy comedy stuff with his frequent tumbles. Bill, by the way, is now going around bragging that he took off ten pounds during the game. Why, if he keep it up, Bill will soon be a mere shadow!

A. J. P., '17.

Duluth, Minn.

On New Year's Eve, the members of the Zenith Branch, N. A. D., held a basket social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cooke Howard, the object being to raise a little cash toward the Endowment Fund. The affair was a decided success and the New Year spirit infectious. When the clock struck twelve, the baskets, brimming over with tasty victuals, were disposed of to the tune of \$13.20. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Magnusen, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ursin, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hoag, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Howard, Miss E. Howard, Miss V. Larson, Mr. A. Gran, Mr. S. Berland, Miss Mary Gralla, Mr. H. E. Flanagan, Mr. P. Scott, Mr. Roy Magnusen and Mr. Joe Fillatrani.

Lutheran Mission

Divine services are held every Sunday, in New York City, at 3 P.M., in St. Luke's Church, on 42d Street, between Times Square and Eighth Avenue.

In Brooklyn, every Sunday at 7:30 P.M., in the Parish House of St. Mark's Church, Jefferson Street and Bushwick Avenue, near Myrtle Avenue and Broadway Station.

ARTHUR BOLL, Pastor.

Diocese of Connecticut.

REV. G. H. HEFFLON, Minister.

AUTUMN, 1915.

Hartford—Christ Church, first and third Sundays of the month, at 5 P.M.

Waterbury—St. John's Church, Parish House, third Sundays of the month, at 7 P.M.

New Haven—Trinity Parish House, Temple Street, second Sundays of the month, at 7:30 P.M.

Bridgeport—St. John's Church, Park Avenue, second Sundays at 5 P.M.

Services in Pittsfield and Springfield, Mass. by appointment.

Address: Y. M. C. A., Hartford, Ct.

AKRON, OHIO.

A "Goodyear Literary Society of the Deaf" was formed at a recent meeting of the deaf workers, who work in the Goodyear rubber plant. Besides various social and lecture affairs planned for the winter, it was decided that there should be a literary program at each meeting. The purpose of the society is to create interest for the new organization among the boys who desire to improve their intelligence and have good fellowship. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, T. J. Blake; Vice-President, Harold Newman; Treasurer, Charles Brown; Secretary, H. Olinger.

The December meeting of the above named organization was held at the Goodyear school room Saturday evening, Dec. 23d, 1916, T. J. Blake presiding, and Mr. Classen, *pro tem.* Secretary, reading the roll call. The president regretfully announced that there was no program for that evening, because of the non appearance of part of the members in the debate contest. The president appointed a committee to fix dates for the meetings. Following the business transactions, a short but very enjoyable literary program, debate contest and declamation was rendered.

Walter Krohngold, who is attending Gallaudet College, is home for the holidays. He will return to Washington this week.

Ashley Martin has gone to Kentucky to visit relatives for a short time and will return to Akron.

Fred Allen, of Cleveland, is another deaf newcomer in Akron. He is employed in the Superior Printing office as compositor.

William Williams, a descendant of Wm. Penn, who works in the Goodyear plant, recently confined to his home in East Akron with the injury received several weeks ago, was able to get out last week.

A Bible Class for the deaf was recently organized at St. Paul's Parish House and the first Bible Class will begin January 7th, at 7:00 P.M., and a sermon will also be preached by Rev. B. R. Al labough at 7:45 P.M. A special Bible Class for deaf mutes, will meet in the First Church of Christ on South High Street every Sunday morning at 10:30. Mrs. Minnie Burt, who is expert in sign language and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lemen Gibson, deaf-mutes, takes charge of the class.

John Wondrack, a former Cincinnati chap, has recently purchased a lot to be used for the erection of a bungalow on North Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Benedict went Christmas morning to Massillon, where his brother and family entertained eight persons at dinner. This was one of the most agreeable holiday affairs of the season.

Max Albert, of St. Louis, Mo., recently secured employment in the Goodyear plant. He has been working in a cigar factory in various towns for years.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH FOR THE DEAF

Sixteenth Street, above Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

REV. C. O. DANZTER, Pastor, 8525 N. 19th St.

Holy Communion—First Sunday, 3:00 P.M., Third Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Morning Prayer—First Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Evening Prayer—Every Sunday except the first, 3:00 P.M.

Bible Class—Every Sunday 4:15 P.M.

Cleric Literary Association—Every Thursday evening after 7:30 o'clock.

Pastoral Aid Society—Every Thursday afternoon.

Men's Club—Third Tuesday of each month, 8 P.M.

Diocese of Maryland.

REV. O. J. WHILDEN, General Missionary, 2018 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, Md.

Baltimore—Grace Mission, Grace and St. Peter's Church, Park Ave. and Monument St.

SERVICES.

First Sunday, Holy Communion and Sermon, 3:15 P.M.

Second Sunday, Evening Prayer and Address, 3:15 P.M.

Third Sunday, Evening Prayer and Sermon, 3:15 P.M.

Fourth Sunday, Litany, or Ante-Communion and Sermon, 3:15 P.M.

Fifth Sunday, Ante-Communion and Catechism, 3:15 P.M.

Bible Class Meetings, every Sunday except the first, 4:30 P.M.

Guild and other Meetings, every Friday, except during July and August, 8 P.M.

Frederick—St. Paul's Mission, Alt-stairs Church, Second Sunday, 11 A.M.

Hagerstown—St. Thomas' Mission, St. John's Church, Second Sunday, 8 P.M.

Cumberland—St. Timothy's Mission, Emmanuel Church, Second Monday, 8 P.M.

Other Places by Appointment.

St. Andrew's Silent Mission.

Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston.

Rev. G. H. Hefflon, Priest-in-Charge.

Edwin W. Friese and Albert S. Tufts, Lay-

NEW YORK.

News items for this column, should be sent direct to the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, Station M, New York.

A few words of information in a letter or postal card is sufficient. We will do the rest.

There was a big congregation at the services at St. Ann's Church for Deaf-Mutes last Sunday afternoon. Rev. Dr. John Chamberlain was assisted by Rev. Mr. John Keiser in the service and Holy Communion which followed. The former preached a powerful sermon, and during the discourse told of the early days of the church for the deaf which the late Rev. Dr. Gallaudet founded. He narrated how Rev. Dr. Gallaudet had enlisted his assistance in church and mission work away back in 1872.

Another feature of the service was the presentation to Rev. Dr. Chamberlain the following minute prepared by a committee representing the Board of Trustees of the Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes. It was beautifully engrossed on heavy bond paper. Representing the Church Mission. Messrs. Barnes, McMann and Hodgson made the presentation. Mr. Hodgson read orally, Rev. Mr. Keiser interpreting into the sign language.

MINUTE OF RESPECT AND APPRECIATION.

The Trustees of the Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes desire to place upon record their deep appreciation of the long and fruitful service of the Rev. Dr. John Chamberlain, who has just completed half a century as a minister of the Gospel, forty-four consecutive years of which were actively devoted to the spiritual and temporal welfare of the deaf; and also to offer congratulations to him and his faithful wife that, with good health and high honor, they have lived to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day.

We rejoice that Rev. Dr. Chamberlain's extraordinary term of mission work, with its multiplicity of exacting functions, have not robbed him of his sturdy strength, and that mentally and physically he is still equal to the onerous tasks of his special field of religious and humanitarian effort among the "children of silence."

With devout thanks to Almighty God for His mercies and blessings, we humbly pray that our Missioner and friend, the Rev. Dr. John Chamberlain, may long be spared to continue his beneficent labors for the Mission he has so earnestly, devotedly and successfully served.

EDWIN A. HODGSON,
H. C. WISNER,
FRANCIS W. NUDOKER,
Com. of the Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes.

ALPHABET A. C.

At the regular monthly meeting in December, the election of officers for the Alphabet Club, was held, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Jack Ebin; Vice-President, Samuel Glassner; Secretary, Nathan Schwartz; Treasurer, Jack Eberhardt; Sergeant-at-arms, Gdale Dingatch; Board of Trustees, Hyacinth Dramis, Chairman, Henry Richardson and Morris Gabawitz.

The first meeting of the year was held last Wednesday evening, and the installation of officers took place.

The Boys' Club has a summer camp, at Riverhead, L. I., and to go there, only a small charge is necessary, which is for traveling expenses. At this camp there is base-ball, basketball, fishing, swimming, rowing, tennis and other sports that you would like to enjoy. Can you get anything better than this?

Drop a postal for further particulars, to Secretary Alphabet Club, N. Schwartz, of Boys' Club, 10th Street and Avenue A, or 170 Norfolk Street, New York City.

In the last two months six new members have been enrolled, and more are expected at the next meeting.

The Basketball team managed by N. Schwartz and captained by Jack Eberhardt, has just started playing, and up to date has won four of its five games played. The team having just started on month ago, is in fine shape, and is open to book games with other deaf-mute teams. New recruits are fast falling in line. Come along you basketball players and join the club. For games write to Manager N. Schwartz, 170 Norfolk Street, New York City.

LUTHERAN GUILD

The Guild held a meeting last month with a good attendance. The members elected the following officers for this year: President, Mr. Adolph Berg; Vice-President, Mr. John Breden; Treasurer, Miss Katherine Christgau; Secretary, Miss Rosa Schmitt; Due Collector, Mr. George Walther.

The Lutheran Churches in New York City will be celebrated the four hundredth anniversary in honor of the great Reformer, Martin Luther, on October 31st, 1917.

Rev. Arthur Boll went to Kingston, N. Y., on Friday, December 29th, where he held a service for the deaf.

The Lutheran Guild gave a Christmas Festival, on Saturday evening, December 30th, which had a most successful outcome.

The church was well filled with hearing and deaf people and children.

The program was as follows: address by Rev. A. Boll. Five boys of the choir sang "Let Us All with Gladness Voice." Five little

girls (from Fanwood School), led by Dora Steffens, sang "Silent Night! Holy Night." "Christmas Carol," by Rev. A. Boll. Five Ladies of the choir sang "Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men."

There were two grand big trees. All the people admired them, decorated with bright colored electric lights. When the service was over they went downstairs to the Sunday school room, where the Santa Claus came from the chimney, and the children gathered around him. Santa Claus presented toys and dolls to each little one.

The room was decorated prettily in holiday colors. Games of different kinds were played. Refreshments were served.

The committee in charge were: Miss Ida Ruge (chairlady), Misses Elizabeth Prims, and Agnes Pospischi, Messrs. John Breden, Victor Lind, Adolph Berg.

When the gathering adjourned, Santa Claus remembered to give each adult a box of candy. Every body had a merry time.

From four till six o'clock on Saturday afternoon, the El-Morro apartments, at Broadway and 137th Street, occupied by the parents and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hagedorn, presented a scene of refined activity. In response to an invitation from Miss Leontine G. Hagedorn, a party of deaf ladies and gentlemen were gathered at "A Tea." Some of them knew no sign language or finger alphabet, so no lip-reading was the manner of conversation to them. Others could talk, lip read, spell on the fingers and use the sign language, so nothing got away from them. Miss Hagedorn is a most charming and intelligent young lady, refined and accomplished, and she proved an ideal hostess. Her home is prettily and cozily furnished, and the "Tea" and its concomitants were delicious and daintily served. Those present were: Miss Leontine G. Hagedorn, Miss Cora Bollen Hagedorn, Mr. and Mrs. Waldron H. Hasley, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Pfeiffer, Rev. and Mrs. John H. Keiser, Mr. and Mrs. Judson P. Radcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. McMann, Miss Clara Crossette, Misses Margaret and Eleanor Sherman, Miss Lydia Hayward, Miss Elly May Hagedorn, Messrs. Philip Brown, James Fitz Gerald, Keith W. Morris, Horace Moorhead, John Maxcey, Will J. Quinlan, Ormond E. Lewis, Edwin A. Hodgson.

On Sunday afternoon, December 31st, 1916, a party was held at the residence of Mrs. Millard B. Greene, of Brooklyn, in honor of her husband's birthday. Mr. Greene has now reached the quarter of a century mark. The party was full of enjoyment from the start to the end, which came after the arrival of the New Year. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Emrick, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. M. Segel, Mr. and Mrs. Erich Berg, Mr. and Mrs. John Neil, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herbst, Miss Anna Bennett and Mr. Charles Wiemuth.

Among holiday visitors in town were George Sidney Porter, of Trenton, N. J., who was a guest of A. L. Pach, at Hudson Arms apartments, who, with Robert Conley, an ex-Gallaudet athlete of renown, was also a guest of the Happy New Year Club, who, for the third time, welcomed the New Year at the St. Nicholas Restaurant, 178th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, though they planned to celebrate at Pelham Bay. The two large autos that had been ordered failed to materialize.

Attention is called to the change of date of the "Big Night" advertisement of the Albany Frats. It will be held on February 17th, not Feb. 24th.

Misses Ida Nicholson and Margaret Bennett had a fine New Year trip and visit to schoolmates in Philadelphia.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Max Weisberg, of Englishtown, N. J., on December 24th, 1916, a boy. Mother and child are well, and Max is happy.

Attention is called to the change of date of the "Big Night" advertisement of the Albany Frats. It will be held on February 17th, not Feb. 24th.

Misses Ida Nicholson and Margaret Bennett had a fine New Year trip and visit to schoolmates in Philadelphia.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Max Weisberg, of Englishtown, N. J., on December 24th, 1916, a boy. Mother and child are well, and Max is happy.

Attention is called to the change of date of the "Big Night" advertisement of the Albany Frats. It will be held on February 17th, not Feb. 24th.

Misses Ida Nicholson and Margaret Bennett had a fine New Year trip and visit to schoolmates in Philadelphia.

Hymes, Kurtz, Teich, Kaminsky, and N. Schwartz; and the Misses Kind, Bella Pusrin, G. Klein, Sarah Pusrin, Margaret Grossman, R. Cohen, Anna Hamburger, M. Horstine, and B. Haft.

As the advertisement on the 4th page of this paper states, "The Brooklyn Guild of Deaf-Mutes" will celebrate its "Silver Jubilee and Charity Ball," on the evening of January 20th next, at the Palais Revor, a handsome new hall, at 1217 Bedford Avenue, near Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. It is earnestly hoped that the deaf of all societies and clubs, also the deaf in general, will lend a hand to further its ultimate success. The Guild has done wonderful work since its formation, which fact cannot be overlooked by it. The affair on January 20th will be engineered by the President of the Guild, Mr. Anthony C. Reiff, who will preside as chairman. Tickets may be procured at the box office, or from Mr. A. C. Reiff, 19 Arlington Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Entertainment Committee, Jacob Keiber, chairman, announces that Brooklyn Division, No. 23, will have a pinocchio party on Saturday evening, January 20th, at the Horton Building, 110 East 125 Street, between Park and Third Avenues, about 8:30 P.M. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. The recent "Country Store" proved to be amusing and most enjoyable, and it is understood that this Division will have another "Country Store" in the near future. They have engaged Horton Building for socials and entertainments on the third Saturday in each month. Please keep this in mind.

"The Acorn" New Year Eve Party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Ahmes on Saturday, December 30th, at their beautiful apartments, in Brooklyn. The big Christmas tree, profusely decorated, was put up in their little Charles' honor. He is one and a half years old, and can walk and talk now. He looks very robust, too. The dining room was tastefully arranged for this occasion. After delicious refreshments served, they indulged in general conversation till wee sma' hours, when they left for their homes. Among them were Messrs. and Mesdames H. Gloistien, H. Beck, Pearsall and Emery F. Volgamot, and the Misses Neilsen, Travers, and Mancera, and Messrs. C. Ahmes, Rau and Pucca.

On Sunday afternoon, December 31st, 1916, a party was held at the residence of Mrs. Millard B. Greene, of Brooklyn, in honor of her husband's birthday. Mr. Greene has now reached the quarter of a century mark. The party was full of enjoyment from the start to the end, which came after the arrival of the New Year. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Emrick, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. M. Segel, Mr. and Mrs. Erich Berg, Mr. and Mrs. John Neil, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herbst, Miss Anna Bennett and Mr. Charles Wiemuth.

Among holiday visitors in town were George Sidney Porter, of Trenton, N. J., who was a guest of A. L. Pach, at Hudson Arms apartments, who, with Robert Conley, an ex-Gallaudet athlete of renown, was also a guest of the Happy New Year Club, who, for the third time, welcomed the New Year at the St. Nicholas Restaurant, 178th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, though they planned to celebrate at Pelham Bay. The two large autos that had been ordered failed to materialize.

Attention is called to the change of date of the "Big Night" advertisement of the Albany Frats. It will be held on February 17th, not Feb. 24th.

Misses Ida Nicholson and Margaret Bennett had a fine New Year trip and visit to schoolmates in Philadelphia.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Max Weisberg, of Englishtown, N. J., on December 24th, 1916, a boy. Mother and child are well, and Max is happy.

Attention is called to the change of date of the "Big Night" advertisement of the Albany Frats. It will be held on February 17th, not Feb. 24th.

Misses Ida Nicholson and Margaret Bennett had a fine New Year trip and visit to schoolmates in Philadelphia.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Max Weisberg, of Englishtown, N. J., on December 24th, 1916, a boy. Mother and child are well, and Max is happy.

Attention is called to the change of date of the "Big Night" advertisement of the Albany Frats. It will be held on February 17th, not Feb. 24th.

OHIO.

[News items for this column may be sent to our Ohio News Bureau, care of Mr. A. B. Greener, 998 Franklin Ave., Columbus, O.]

December 29, 1916.—Sad indeed was the Christmas of an our class mate, Mr. George W. Fancher. Death entered his household Saturday night and bore away to unknown realms, his beloved wife, who for nearly thirty-nine years had shared his joys and sorrows. Several weeks ago, while Mrs. Fancher was standing before an open grate, her apron caught fire and she inhaled flames which was the cause of her death.

Her maiden name was Sarah McGrier. She was admitted to the Iowa School for Deaf in 1855, which at that time was located in Iowa City, at the age of eight years. After leaving school, she came to Plymouth, O., where on January 3d, 1878, she was married to Mr. Fancher. There were no children from the union.

The funeral was held at the Brice Methodist Episcopal Church, Tuesday morning, and interment was made at the Silent Home Cemetery at Reynoldsburg, a few miles south of Brice. Mrs. Fancher was seventy-one years old at the time of death. She was much respected by the village people, among whom she had lived since her marriage, as is also her husband. By the way Mr. Fancher comes of distinguished descent, his grandfather having fought in the War of 1812. He married a daughter of General John Stark. Mr. Fancher was also related to the late Judge Fancher, of New York City.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Belaire did not wish to be outdone for the "residents" of the Home, by others in the way of remembering them at Christmas, so they gathered at the home of Mrs. Stoehr one afternoon recently, and got busy with their fingers and needles. When they quit, a score of white aprons were ready to wear. The following ladies gave their time to the work: Mesdames Stoehr, Corber, Alexander, Watson, Huggins and Miss Maggie Littleton. Mrs. Corbett sent the aprons and a white handkerchief for each of the men at the Home to the Matron, Mrs. Chapman, to distribute among the "residents." They surely will appreciate their little remembrances from their Eastern Ohio friends.

We are sorry to chronicle that Mr. Wesley Frazier, through infirmities of age has become almost helpless. He has also nearly lost his sight. Recently his son had him removed from Bridgeport to Cambridge, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. August Becker, came down from Sandusky, Tuesday and assumed charge of the D. Boy's dormitory.

The other evening they gave a party to the children kept here during the holidays in the D. Study room, and the youngsters did enjoy the affair very much.

Mr. Warren Shaffer is succeeded by Mr. Becker who is no new hand on the job, and his return will be greatly welcomed, for he was a model in the discharge of the position, and, what is more, had the respect and confidence of the pupils. Mrs. Becker is new in the position but as she has the command of the sign language. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davis, of Sandusky, being deaf, she will have no difficulty in getting along with the boys and we opine they will like her as well as they do Mr. Becker.

The aged father of Mrs. Joseph Lieb died at his home, in Kenton, Ohio, last Wednesday. Mrs. Lieb was there at the time.

Our weekly letter was sent on time. Blame it's non appearance this week on late trains here from December 23d to 25th.

A deaf-mute choir will appear at special services at North College Hill M. E. Church the night of January 14th.

The choir will be that of the Methodist Church of the Deaf, which meets at Wesley Chapel, Sunday afternoons. Rev. Utten E. Read, is their pastor.

Accompanied by the regular choir and organ, the deaf-mute choir will "sing" by making motions with their hands in time with music.

Instead of spelling each word on the fingers the "singers" have a sort of shorthand system, in which one motion expresses a word.

Their pastor will conduct part of the service, an interpreter spelling his words to his deaf "authors"—Cincinnati Post.

The N. F. S. D. Branch, here, held open house Monday afternoon and night, in a hall of the Old Fellows building on High Street. The attendance was good. Games of chance were the features. Hearing people bagged the best prizes. A number of deaf people from out-of-town participated in the affair.

Mr. Samuel Stebbins, of Dayton, spent part of the holidays here with his brother, who is a fireman of the Columbus Fire Department.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cory and W. Thompson, of Dayton, were up here to visit friends the past week.

John Postwick, of Pataskala, was among the New Year visitors here. He is engaged as a marble cutter and engraver.

Grover Burcham, of Huntington, W. Va., was visiting his brother, Elasco, at the school during this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Patterson got home this noon from Indiana, where they spent the vacation with his sister.

Rev. Frank Smielau gave his lecture, "Preparedness" in Cincinnati last Saturday evening. There was a large attendance and proved a rare treat to all who were fortunate to be there.

Wm. Neuner, of Mansfield, is visiting with his brother at Camp Chase, west of this city.

Dave Williams, employed in the Goodyear Rubber works at Akron, spent the latter part of the holidays in Columbus.

J. B. Taylor, a linotypist, of Middletown, O., attended the Smielau lecture in Cincinnati, on the 30th ult., and pronounced it very interesting.

Mr. Ernest Zell is one of the fortunate ones to receive an invitation ticket to the incoming Governor's reception Monday evening. The reception will be held in the Senate Chamber of the State House and only those admitted who have the necessary card.

The pupils are returning to-day from their holiday vacation, and Monday the regular school grind will be resumed.

A. B. G.

MICHIGAN.

The Detroit Lutheranism, being a very polyglot denomination—English, German, Finnish, Polish, Slavoc, Scandinavian and the Deaf-Mute in the churches, a pentecostal variety of tongues were heard and the observance of customs and tradition of many countries were seen, but in every language the great theme of Christmas joy was "God is Love."

The German Lutheran Church (deaf-mute) had a Christmas tree Sunday evening December 24th.

Over one hundred deaf-mute members and friends gathered at the church, and an hour before the celebration the crowd gazed at the Christmas tree decorations and presents. All the little ones, as well as the older ones, were remembered with gifts.

Rev. Schroeder, pastor (hearing) of this church, delivered a sermon in signs, relating the birth and life of Jesus.

Programme for the evening was as follows:

Hymn—By Pastor.
Hymn—By Miss E. Stelt.
Lesson Reading—By Pastor.
Hymn—By Mrs. Hahn.
Hymn—By Katherine Schroeder.
Hymn—By Richard Berry.
Prayer—By Mr. Ludow and Mrs. Wells.
Sermon—By Pastor.
Hymn—By Miss F. Stelt.
Hymn—By Thelma Heck.
Last of Dialogue—By Mr. Ludow and Mrs. Wells.
Doxology.

Katherine Schroeder (hearing), the five-year-old daughter of Rev. Schroeder, recited the "Birth of Jesus in the Manger," in signs. Thelma Heck, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heck, exclaimed in signs "It is exactly what I wanted," when she received a big doll from Santa. She will go to Flint school next year.

A representative basketball team was organized by the Detroit Silent Athletic Club and the team known as the Detroit Silents. It is composed of entirely deaf basketball players, who were stars on independent school teams. The prospects of the coming season are bright and the management is confident of a successful season.

Their first game was played against Polish Seminary, in Detroit, on New Year's Day. Practice and wind development started last week at St. John's Parish House, under the direction of Coach Thompson, and several practice games will be played after a week's hard work.

The players' names are as follows: Pastore, former guard of Flint Vehies; Bednark, formerly of the Michigan School for the Deaf; Thompson, former forward of Venice, Cal.; Turkey Reds.

Those trying for other positions are: Toomey, Harples, Murphy, Davies and Newman, of several State Schools for the Deaf. The team is out to challenge any fast team in this city and State, and those wishing to arrange games, write at once to C. Thompson, 724 Wabash St., Detroit.

Under the auspices of the Detroit Division, No. 2, Mr. Clyde Stevens, a teacher of the Flint School, gave a very classical lecture at the hall of the above club, Saturday evening, December 30. His subject was "Happiness." "Happiness is in the state of mind."

When he was introduced, he claimed that half of his lecture had been wiped from his memory upon reading a card, which announced that he was to give a "grand" lecture. He also stated that this appearance recalled former stage frights, while a pupil at Flint. However, his interesting subject was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. At the conclusion of his lecture a crowd sent up a hearty American cheer.

He was the idol of the Frats and friends within a few minutes after his appearance; young belles looked sweetly upon, while the boys were won to admiration. The visitor was happy accompanied by his wife. Come again, Mr. Stevens,

and give us another "grand" lecture.

After the lecture the prize games were played, and winners were given gifts.

Fruits were given, and everybody went home happy. Admission tickets were twenty-five cents. A flash-light picture was taken.

Mrs. John J. Rutherford (Rose Oulman), 40 years old, of Ecorse, Michigan, died Wednesday morning, December 20th, and an infant child died a day following. Father Kaufman officiated. Surviving are her husband and two children. Mr. Rutherford is a cabinet-maker by trade.

We are gratified to report that Detroit Division, No. 2, is flourishing and it has over 80 members. New officers for 1917 are Clyde Barnett, President; Rudolph Stark, Vice-President; E. M. Jacobs, Secretary; J. J. Hellers, Treasurer; A. C. Brook, Director; and Ed. Ball, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The frats are delighted over the news that Mr. C. C. Codman, of Montana, has recently sent his application for membership at the Chicago headquarters.

Good wishes for the New Year. Mrs. C. C. C.

Gallaudet Home.

Some time before Christmas Day the matron received the following letter from Miss Myra L. Barrager:

This morning a box of things was shipped to the Gallaudet Home to help make Christmas a little more cheery for the old folks.

The things are from the Loyal Band of Workers at Fanwood. A society composed of about sixty girls, and they have asked me to write to you in regard to the articles. We are indebted to Miss Gallaudet for suggestions and for the names of the inmates.

Each girl brought a card made by the girls, and as an extra gift they have sent for each man a simple shaving pad, and you may arrange for the distribution of same.

One of the girls, who lost her father recently, donated a few neckties which may answer for every-day wear and you may decide to whom they shall go. Best wishes for "a most joyous occasion."

The box Miss Barrager speaks of in her letter above, arrived here two days after Christmas, or on the 27th of December last. The articles it contained were intended as the letter states, as Christmas presents, but as Christmas had already been swept into the ages of the past, the matron thought it best to withhold the articles until New Year's Day, and then by giving them to their various owners they would become New Year's instead of Christmas presents, and she did so. Accordingly, when the twenty seven residents of the Home entered the dining room on New Year's Day, for their breakfast, they found their presents from old Fanwood beside their plates.

They had previously been informed of the arrival of the articles, and were naturally anxious to know what they were. They were not long in finding out, and each person was quite pleased with his or her present. Some got a couple of handkerchiefs, some a necktie, some a pair of bath slippers, and others something similar and equally useful, such as an apron, a lady's wrapper, etc. The folks here think it was very kind of the girls of the Loyal Band of Workers to send them such useful presents, and wish them to know that they (the L. B. W.) have their very best thanks.

The dining room and several of the other large rooms, as well as the hallways, were magnificently decorated with evergreens and fancy colored paper bells. Here and there a paper figure of old Santa Claus dangled in the air, and along the wall in the dining-room were several Christmas trees with their branches decked with many beautiful ornaments. There was also a small tree on each table. It seems as though no art and skill, on the part of the matron and her assistants, could have made the rooms bear a more lovely appearance. When the residents sat down to their breakfast on Christmas morning, they found quite a few presents beside their plates. The most attractive and picturesque things was a child's boot, made of paper, beside each plate and each boot, which was nicely colored, was full of mixed candy.

At the top of each boot was adjusted, by a pretty colored rope, a small envelope with a new one dollar bill enclosed. Also beside each plate was a letter or two and a few cards from their friends of the residents. On the third of June last an old man, quite infirm, and over sixty years of age, was admitted to the home. He was Samuel Johnson, of Newburgh. He came here in an auto with his two sisters, Mrs. Jordan, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Mrs. Dixon, of Newburgh. Now and then Mrs. Dixon comes to see Samuel, but so long as the snow covers the ground she won't come. Mrs. Jordan is so far away, she comes but once a year. She sent her brother a lot of useful presents. She also sent a few things for the home. For the men's sitting-room, she sent an elegant set of dominoes, a box of checkers and a substantial checkerboard. As for the ladies' sitting-room, she sent a kind of puzzle which amuses the women. She likewise sent some fine cake for the matron's dining-room and some for the residents. Mr. Soper, who sees to Mr. Johnson's wants, was well remembered by both Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Jordan.

After a stay of exactly five long

weeks at Vassar Hospital, near Poughkeepsie, with the hope of recovering from a serious attack of abscess on his right arm, Hugh Miner returned here on the 13th of December. He is not really well yet, and it is doubtful if he will ever be himself again. It was exceedingly kind of the girls of the Zion Church in Wappingers Falls to send each of the residents here a quarter of a dollar in a tiny stocking adjusted to an elaborate card. Each card was double affair. For the past few weeks sleighing has been pretty good up here, but travel has been, and still continues to be, somewhat difficult and dangerous.

Now there is not very much snow left. Ever since snow fell, Doctor Wood, the family physician, has continued to make trips to the home from Poughkeepsie where he lives, in his horseless vehicle. On Sunday, December 24th, while the doctor was journeying up one of the principal streets of Poughkeepsie, he chanced to see Gibson McConnell with James H. Caton, who was spending a week with his Chamberlain friends and his father in Poughkeepsie. As the doctor was bound for the Home, he motioned to the two to take a ride in his auto. The two pedestrians boarded the car and were brought here within twenty minutes. After the doctor had treated Mr. Miner, he took Caton and McConnell back to Poughkeepsie. They enjoyed the ride immensely. It is a Doctor Wood's custom to invite strangers, whom he finds travelling on foot, the way he is going with his car, to take a ride. He is the man with a heart of gold. During his week's stay in Poughkeepsie, Caton made the acquaintance of Mr. Werber, a young man who left Fanwood some years ago, and who visits Mr. McConnell frequently. Mr. Werber is employed in the piano factory in Poughkeepsie, as a polisher, and makes good wages and dresses well.

During the early part of last month, Mr. L. N. Soper visited the metropolis for a couple of weeks, and while there had the pleasure of meeting many an old friend and seeing many a familiar face. When he left the metropolis for home it was buried in a foot of snow. When he reached here he found the place buried up too, in the same depth of snow.

When Mr. C. Q. Mann was up here last he remarked that one day his wife happened to loose her shoe. It was somewhere in the house, but neither she nor any member of the family could find it. Calling his favorite dog to him, Mr. Mann showed him his wife's shoe. After smelling of it for some time, Mr. Mann motioned to the dog and then to the shoe, meaning that he should go in search of the missing shoe. Pretty soon the dog was running all over the house. After a while, to the astonishment of all, he came in the room with the missing shoe. No one in the house knew where he had located it. From this story, if it is genuine, I believe Mr. Mann's dog has a grain of sense.

STANLEY.

FLORIDA.

The writer wishes every one of you JOURNAL readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Fred Pollock left Orlando for Tampa, day before Christmas, where he will make a week end's visit with relatives and friends there.

The State School for the Deaf basketball team are scheduled to play Orlando High School a match game on the latter's floor, the 13th of January. There is hope that the "silent" boys will be fortunate enough to confiscate the winning game.

Saturday evening, December 30d, the M. E. Church, of St. Cloud, held Christmas exercises. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pilpott, Miss Grace Davis and the writer, took part on the program, by signing a hymn, "Ring Out the Bells for Christmas," which caused much applause. Miss Allison, our young friend, interpreted our signs.

Elzie Paocetti returned home to St. Augustine, after a solid month of work, laying up bricks on a certain building at Daytona Beach, two weeks ago.

Miss Candace Carter, of Ocala, had a long visit among many of her relatives and friends, at Tampa and Clearwater.

DEATH OF SWEET BABY HAY

Word is received that little George Hay, of Fort Meade, passed away Tuesday morning, December 5th, at five o'clock, after a nine days' illness, and was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery same afternoon.

Baby Hay would have been a year old, December 17th, had it lived.

It had always been a fine baby, the joy and pride of his young parents' hearts.

The baby's untimely death was caused by inflammation of bowels, and it's supposed that the child had swallowed a piece of glass or other foreign substance, which defied all medical skill.

The writer with many of his friends sympathizes deeply in sorrow with the young couple.

R. H. R.

FANWOOD.

Ever ready to meet what is required of her, Fanwood opened wide her welcome doors to that little mysterious stranger who comes around annually on the first of January. On the third, the holiday season ended, and bright and early several hundred pupils came back to their old places fully resolved on the best of purposes and bent on seeing them carried out. The spirit is good, the energy brimming, and we bid fair to pursue another year marked with crowning achievement and limitless activity.

Class room work has been taken up with renewed enthusiasm by those present, and exercises in musical rhythm and voice culture are eagerly accepted. A concert was given Thursday afternoon all classes participating. The Principal was present and voiced his admiration.

The Literary Association gathered in the chapel for the first time in 1917, Saturday evening last, and was entertained in a most charming way by the young Misses of Miss Burchard's Seventh Oral Class. The program presented comprised a series of tastefully arranged selections and a long playlet of exceptional merit. The program is appended:

READING—"A Piece of Bread," by Sarah O. Elowitz.

DEBATE—Resolved, "The Women are equal to Men in mental ability."
AFFIRMATIVE: R. Champagne
NEGATIVE: S. E. Karten

READING—"After Long Years," by Eva B. Miller.

READING—"Doctor Goldsmith," by Florence M. Hughes.

READING—"A Story of the Revolution," by Nadine Lavond.

A DIALOGUE—By Caroline Krauss and Anna Jacobs.

READING—"The Captive," by Rose Wax.

BEVERLY'S TRIUMPHS

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Beverly Worthington, leader of the girls. Rebecca Champagne
Josephine Everetts, a Senior. Sarah I. Elowitz
Evelyn Page, Beverly's New York cousin. Lily E. Lieberz
Grace Fabian. Elizabeth Kohler
Dawn Meredith, pet of upper class girls. Sally E. Karten
Edna Sands, basket-ball favorite. Rose Wax

FRESHMEN

Margaret Wright. Anna Jacobs
Sally Jones. Nadine Lavond
Mary Martin. Eva B. Miller
Mrs. Carolyn Parkers, head of school. Caroline Krauss
Miss Brown, Assistant Principal. Elsie Hatch
Miss Howe, Teacher. Florence M. Hughes

ACTS I, II, III

TIME, PRESENT.

SCENE—Beverly's and Grace's room at Mrs. Parkers' boarding school in a New York suburb.

Throughout the evening, which proved most pleasant, the audience made repeated overtures of applause, each of the above recitations receiving a warm personal favor. The debate was given the affirmative by a slight margin, for the best argument. What resulted in a happy triumph for all who took part was the final playlet. It is the story of Beverly's triumph, rise from suspicion cast upon her, and of the guilty confession of the wrongful one, which brings about a joyful reconciliation of all. The whole play is brimming with an obvious loyal love, and impressive example that makes it exceedingly appropriate. Credit is evenly deserved by all, the combined efforts of the Misses Champagne, Elowitz, Krauss and Karten, being worthy of special comment. President Fox paid a fitting tribute to the work of the class and their teacher, and the boys, why they always express their admiration. A number of lady visitors occupied rear seats.

Sunday afternoon being an ideal leisure period, the customary drill and review of the cadets was held on the front lawn, many spectators being present at a distance. Major W. H. Van Tassel was the reviewing officer, Captain Altenderfer having command of the battalion.

The members of the Officers School, which includes all cadet officers, have formed what is hoped will be a crack company. Several new changes in march step were successfully instructed by the Major in charge. The lesson seems to have a more spacious body movement in company formation. Preparation for a coming military exhibition was taken seriously Monday, by an order to resume the daily morning practice drill of the companies in general.

Sunday services were preached by Professors Jones and Stevenson, all the pupils assembling in chapel. The latter spoke with a vivid illustration on "The Gift without the Giver is Bare." One of Sir Gilbert Parker's brilliant short stories was told to the Sunday evening gathering of the F. L. A. by Mr. Jones.

When will snow come, cry our youngsters, despairingly glancing at the rusty runners and dust-coated sleds peacefully reposing in the boys' clothing rooms. Skaters are also ambitious, wishing for Thor and his cold north wind.

How little the present great conflict in Europe is felt here among the pupils, yet from time to time an occasional sad letter awakens the grim horror of it, as far away relatives write of the death of kinsfolk. One of the very latest to one of our older boy friends, speaks of victory on the field and of the iron cross.

Since Christmas came the number of games and small toys has added greatly. Recreation during the evening finds small bands of happy youngsters busily engaged either in demonstrating or playing.

Messrs. Rosenberg, Haberman and N. Schwartz, visited the northeast wing, known as the boys' department, enjoying a cheerful talk with their old friends and classmates Sunday morning. They attended chapel services.

Frederick A. Gabay, also a member of the alumni, class of 1915, spent Sunday evening with his special friend, Cadet First Sergeant James McVeinon.

In basket-ball the teams are playing strongly. Even though we have been here but a short time, the old flame of friendly rivalry is occasionally seen at a white heat. The tournament for gold and silver medals, offered by the Principal, seems to have made everyone a player of foremost rank, and those who have seldom shown much interest in the sport are now eagerly ablaze. The standing of the teams to date is:—

NAMES	G.	W.	L.	P.C.
Hodgson Five.	3	3	0	1.000
Jones Five.	3	3	0	1.000
Fox Five.	2	1	1	.500
Margraf Five.	3	1	2	.333
Currier Five.	2	0	2	.000
Van Tassel Five.	3	0	3	.000

California,

California, as it stands to day, is the most successful experiment in human society that has ever existed on earth. It has no poverty; it has no slums; it has the maximum of political freedom; the wealth is generally distributed. The average family living in California to-day has access to comforts and material pleasures such as are utterly unknown to large portions of the population, not only of Europe but of eastern United States; and as for the romantically idealized civilization of Florence, Rome, and Greece—hardly the meanest Californian would have cared to be a patrician among the Cæsars. To some extent, of course, this is due to climate; to some extent to soil; but some folks think a good deal of it is due to the intelligence with which the affairs of human society have been treated in California for some years past.—*Collier's Weekly.*

A CAKE SALE

AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

Under the Auspices of the Woman's Parish Aid Society.

St. Ann's Church Guild House
(511 West 148th Street.)

Saturday, Feb. 17th, 1917.

AN ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE GIVEN IN THE EVENING.

Many Reasons Why You Should Be a Frat

Entertainments on third Saturday of each month, at Horton Building, 110 East 125th Street, New York City.

Brooklyn Division, No. 23, N.F.S.D. meets at Imperial Hall, 360 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., first Saturday of each month. It offers exceptional provisions in the way of Life Insurance and Sick Benefits and unusual social advantages. If interested write to either officers. JAMES J. CONSTANTIN, Secretary, 306 Brown Ave., Jamaica, L. I.; or JOHN D. SHEA, State (Eastern New York) Organizer, 73 W. 80th St., New York.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR FUTURE?

Let me show you how and why a policy in the

NEW ENGLAND MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

OF BOSTON

becomes a practical asset to you and yours in later years. You do not have to "die to win."

I have helped many of the deaf to insure in this old company at low cost. No charges for medical examination.

THINK IT OVER! and ACT before TOO LATE!

Complete information and list of deaf-mute policy holders on request.

MARCUS L. KENNER!

200 WEST 111TH STREET
New York

FOUNDED 1886
INCORPORATED 1901

The Passing of the Old Year

with its successful and very substantial progress for this organization, leaves us with a debt of gratitude to our Friends and Patrons for the interest and support that have made possible an achievement so gratifying. The friendship of many reaches back through time and its multitude of changes. Others, more recently numbered among our friends, have shown no less appreciation of our efforts to render efficient service. To Friends, old and new, we join with our thanks for their consideration, our hearty good wishes for their success and happiness throughout the New Year and those to follow, and the assurance that we hope further to cement the pleasant relations of the past by our service in the future.

To the Board of Governors, who zealously guarded the best interests of the organization; to the Board of Trustees, who carefully, successfully and judiciously handled its finances; to the Entertainment Committee, who mapped out an unusually fine course of social features; to the Financial Committee, self-imposed in the exercise of their exact and onerous duties in the audit of numerous accounts; and to our Officers, Fellow-Members and the Custodian, whose co-operation and loyal endeavor have helped so much to make the organization an agreeable medium of social intercourse and of recreation, and the year so prosperous to the organization, we offer our felicitations for work well done.

In wishing them a New Year of Happiness, we desire to have them know that a wish for their personal progress is closely linked with our expectations for the continued progress of this organization with which they have cast their lot.

Deaf-Mutes' Union League

143 West 125th Street, N. Y.

1892 1917
SILVER JUBILEE

OF THE
Brooklyn Guild of Deaf-Mutes

TO BE CELEBRATED BY A

Charity Ball

AT

Palais Revoir
1217 Bedford Ave., near Fulton Street

Saturday Evening,
January 20, 1917

Music by Prof. A. K. Reiff

Tickets, Gentlemen and Lady, 50 Cts.
Lady 25 Cts.
(Including Wardrobe)

Anthony C. Reiff, Chairman,
19 Arlington Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

COMMITTEE

Robert A. Kerstetter Archie J. McLaren
William G. Gilbert John Wilkinson
Alexander Mellwirth

[How to reach the Hall. Take Fulton St. Trolley from Brooklyn Bridge to Bedford Ave., or Trolley from Williamsburgh Bridge, Nostrand Ave. to Hancock St. Walk one block to Bedford Ave.]

HANDSOME PRIZES FOR MOST ORIGINAL COSTUMES

NINTH ANNUAL
Mask and Civic Ball

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE

Brooklyn Div., No. 23
N. F. S. D.

Imperial Hall 360 Fulton St.
One block above Borough Hall, Brooklyn.

Saturday Eve'g., Feb. 3, 1917

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Jacques Alexander, Chairman
J. F. O'Brien, Secretary
Y. R. Anderson, Treasurer
Jacob Landau F. B. Brown
R. Grutzmacher W. Myer
R. McVea

MUSIC BY J. LONDER'S ORCHESTRA

Tickets (including wardrobe) 50 cts.

Ball can be reached by way of Subway from New York. Get out at Borough Hall. All surface cars and "L" trains within easy distance of the Hall.

Shakespearean PAGEANT

Lincoln's Birthday

FEBRUARY 12, 1917

AT

St. Ann's Church

(Particulars later)

INDUSTRIAL, PUBLIC UTILITY, RAILROAD, MUNICIPAL AND GOVERNMENT BONDS FOR INVESTMENT

to yield from 4% to 6%
in denominations of \$100, \$250, \$500, and \$1,000

SAMUEL FRANKENHEIM
REPRESENTING
LEE, HIGGINSON & Co.,
18 WEST 107TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Every Subway Station in the Borough of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Bronx is a direct entrance to

The New Pach Studio

111 Broadway, N. Y.

Get out at Wall Street and take elevator to the Studio without going out of doors at all.

Not only safest for the little ones, but our photographs are CHEAPEST and BEST.

Pach Photograph Co.,

ALEXANDER L. PACH,
President and Gen. Manager.

TRINITY BUILDING
111 Broadway.

ENGLISH TAUGHT BY MAIL.

Did you ever stop to think that it is a disgrace not to be able to express yourself in good, plain, correct English? If you make queer, outlandish, funny errors in your language, it is your own fault. It implies laziness, or lack of effort, and neglect in your youth. You are only half-educated. That is plain: everybody can see it. You cheated yourself and your school out of the other half, and made a chump of yourself. Now, perhaps you are beginning to look backward with many regrets. But you are not the only one. There are others. It is never too late to mend. There is still hope for those who have the ambition and will to overcome their past mistakes. Enclose stamped and self-addressed envelope and communicate with PROF. JEROME T. ELWELL, 618 N. 35TH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

RESERVE OR
ENTERTAINMENT AND CHARITY BALL

under the auspices of

The Hebrew Congregation of the Deaf

Saturday Evening, March 3, 1917

YORKVILLE CASINO

East 86th Street, near Third Avenue

NEW YORK

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:

EMIL BASCH, Chairman

1486 Lexington Avenue, New York City

A. A. COHN, Treasurer
M. M. LUBIN, Secretary
THEO. S. ROSE
LESTER J. HYAMS

MRS. F. A. SIMONSON
MISS BESSIE FINK
ABRAHAM M. MILLER
ISIDORE A. MIRBACH

ST. ANN'S CHURCH FOR THE DEAF

511 West 148th Street, New York City

Services Every Sunday, 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Holy Communion, 1st Sunday, 3 p.m.
3d Sunday, 9 a.m.

COMING EVENTS

Club Nights Every Tuesday and Thursday
EIGHT TO ELEVEN P.M.

Pocket Billiard Tournament.

Chess Championship of Greater New York.
VALUABLE TROPHIES.

Those desiring to compete should communicate with Albert Ballin (Chairman), 511 West 148th Street.

THE GUILD HOUSE IS OPEN EVERY EVENING.
A Cordial Welcome to All.

Valuable Prizes for Most Original Costumes.

First Event of its Kind the Deaf of the Capital District ever had

MASQUERADE AND BALL

TO BE HELD ON

Saturday Evening, February 17, 1917

(Not on February 24, as advertised before)

AT THE
UNITED COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS' HALL

50 State Street, three doors west of the Hampton

ALBANY, N. Y.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF

Albany Division, No. 51, N. F. S. D.

MUSIC BY BYRAN'S ORCHESTRA

TICKETS. 25 CENTS

COMMITTEE:

J. F. KOEPEL, Chairman,
309 Veeder Avenue, Schenectady, N. Y.

E. KLIER, J. F. LYMAN, M. ROBERTSON, F. LLOYD

DIRECTION TO HALL—Go South from the New York Central Union Depot to the Hampton Hotel, on State Street, and the Hall is three doors from the hotel. There will be sign posted at the entrance.

MASQUERADE BALL.

Under the Auspices of

The New Haven Alumni Branch

For the benefit of the Alumni Fund for Hartford 1917 Convention.

WENTWORTH HALL

1044 Chapel Street

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

SATURDAY, January 13, 1917, at 8 o'clock

MUSIC

PRIZES GIVEN

Admission 35 cents

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:

MICHAEL LAPIDES